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1. Mr. Bannerman, Deputy Director of Security, and I met today with former Senator Guy Gillette, Counsel to the Subcommittee on Government Employees Security Program of the Senate Committee on Post Office & Civil Service, together with two members of the Subcommittee staff, Mr. Paul Hadlick and Mr. Hubert H. Finzel. This meeting was held at my request to discuss with Sen. Gillette our proposed reply to the Senator's two letters to the Director seeking information regarding the Agency's security program under Executive Order 10450. Similar requests have gone out to all other agencies. The committee staff pointed out they were receiving much better cooperation from the so-called 'sensitive agencies' than from the others.

In connection with Sen. Gillette's letters, it was agreed that we could furnish the name and background of the Agency's Director of Security, but could not furnish such information on the members of his staff; that we would try to work out an acceptable answer, giving some percentage figures on the background of the staff; and that we would set forth the fact that we operated both under E.O. 10450 and the Director's special statutory authority, without giving the names of any members of CIA panels or boards. The staff members showed some interest in CIA use of the polygraph, and will probably wish to explore this matter further. They seemed generally sympathetic to the Agency and its security problems, although they have a rather preconceived notion that the Government security program is probably unfair and poorly or loosely administered in general. We assured them that we would do everything we could to help within the limits of our own security problems. (cc - DD/S, Director of Security).

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